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SECURITY ISSUES

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D) USNATO 3596; E) LUXEMBOURG 570; F) BONN 10854

1. DURING SEPT. 4-5 MEETING AT COPENHAGEN, EC POLITICAL
COMMITTEE AGREED THAT AD HOC EXPERTS GROUP WOULD MEET
AT LEAST ONE MORE TIME TO PREPARE REPORT AND SEEK TO

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DEVELOP JOINT POSITION ON US/SOVIET AGREEMENT ON THE

PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. THIS DECISION FOLLOWS JULY 25 EXPERTS GROUP MEETING ON SUBJECT WHICH HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE FRENCH. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE JULY 25 EXPERTS MEETING INVOLVED AN INCONCLUSIVE TOUR DE TABLE AND PRODUCED WIDE SPECTRUM OF VIEWS AND VARYING DEGREES OF CONCERN. OUR SOURCES SAY THE FRENCH REP OFFERED ACID COMMENTS ON THE NUCLEAR PACT ALONG THE LINES OF JULY 23 JOBERT STATEMENT (BONN 10595--PARA 3); WITH THE LEBER AND SCHEEL VISITS TO WASHINGTON JUST BEHIND THEM THE GERMANS TOOK A CALM APPROACH.

2. OUR SOURCES EMPHASIZE THAT NO RPT NO PERMANENT EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH THE ATOMIC AGREEMENT. THEY NOTE THAT, FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF CSCE WORKING GROUP AND THE BRIEF EC-9 SPRINGTIME DISCUSSION OF MBFR, EXPERT CON- SULTATIONS ON NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WILL BE THIRD POLITICAL COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT WITH SECURITY ISSUES. OUR SOURCES SAY THE LATEST SUBJECT DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO PERMANENT DISCUSSION, BUT SOME FONOFF REPS CONSIDER REGULAR EC DISCUSSION OF SECURITY AND DEFENSE ISSUES TO BE AN INEVITABLE ASPECT OF CREATING A EUROPE SPEAKING WITH ONE FOREIGN POLICY VOICE. FONOFF NATO DEPT CHIEF THOUGHT THIS COULD BE DESIRABLE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME IF HANDLED TO BRING THE FRENCH INTO THE DISCUSSION AND NOT TO DISTURB NATO ARRANGEMENTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GERMANS ACKNOWLEDGE THE IRONY THAT THE EIGHT ARE SEEKING "TO BRING THE FRENCH IN" WHILE A FRANCE CON- CERNED ABOUT WAXING GERMAN POLITICAL/ECONOMIC POWER REMAINS ENMESHED IN THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN FEAR OF INCREASING GERMAN ROLE IN EUROPE AND PERSISTING FRENCH OPPOSITION TO INTENSIFIED WEST EUROPEAN INTEGRATION (PARIS 22562).
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